



# FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE PHILATÉLIE

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Dear Members,

## **FIP Board Announcement on the Russo-Ukrainian Conflict**

The world is distraught by the Russo-Ukrainian conflict that is currently taking place.

FIP is a non-political global organisation aiming to promote philately and to maintain friendly relations and friendship amongst all its Members and their exhibitors. According to Statutes Article 2 Non-Discrimination: FIP and its members do not discriminate for reasons of sex, age, ethnic identity, religion, or politics.

However, representing the sadness and sorrow of its Members, the FIP Board cannot accept the current aggression upon Ukraine.

The FIP Board decided on 3 March 2022 to recommend that the Organising Committees of the FIP World Exhibitions in 2022, to seek the withdrawal of the participation of Russian and Belarusian exhibits and personnel to avoid any possible protests. Any possible refunds of the frame fees or jury airfare should be made, at the earliest opportunity in the future.

The FIP Board trusts that the philatelists in Russia and Belarus will understand this difficult decision and appreciate their kind cooperation. It is currently impossible for Jurors and Commissioners from Russia or Belarus to attend any of the upcoming FIP World Stamp Exhibitions.

The FIP Board shall keep this decision under constant review and wishes for peace to return as soon as possible.

**FIP President and the FIP Board of Directors**

The FIP Board stands with Ukraine in their hour of need!